

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Original) A computer-aided design (CAD) system for designing an object, comprising:
  - a database for storing data on the shape and/or structure of the object;
  - a data processor for processing input commands for modifying the object and updating the data stored in the database accordingly; and
  - data recordal means for recording the input commands chronologically and storing the record in the database with the object data.
2. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 1 further comprising a plurality of remote terminals connected via a network to said data base, data processor and data recordal means; said input commands deriving from modifications made at said remote terminals to said object, the object being displayed on said remote terminals.
3. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 2 wherein said remote terminals are connected to ~~said~~ a server via the Internet, said server comprising said database, data processor, and data recordal means.
4. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 1 wherein said ~~record~~ comprises data recordal means further records information on the time and nature of the modification.

5. (Currently Amended) A collaborative computer-aided design (CAD) system for designing an object by a plurality of designers working on the design simultaneously, comprising:

a server comprising:

a database for storing data on the shape and/or structure of the object, and

a processor for processing input commands for modifying the object and

updating the data stored in the database accordingly; and

data recordal means for recording the input commands chronologically and storing the recorded input commands in the database with the object data; and

a plurality of user terminals, each having a screen and a data input means and being connectable to the server via a network;

the user terminals being connected to the server such that a representation of the object can be simultaneously displayed on the screens of all user terminals and that modifications can be made to the object by inputting commands via the data input means, the commands being conveyed via the network and processed via the server processor and recorded by said server data recordal means.

6. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 5 wherein said user terminals are connected to said server via the Internet.

7. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 5 wherein said data recordal means ~~record~~ comprises further records information on the time and nature of the modification.

8. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim ~~[[2]]~~5, wherein ~~said record of modifications contains~~ said data recordal means further records information on the designer making the modification.

9. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim ~~[[2]]~~5, wherein ~~said record of modifications contains~~ said data recordal means further records information on the reason for the modification.

10. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim ~~[[2]]~~5, wherein ~~said record of modifications contains~~ said data recordal means further records information on web sites related to said modification.

11. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim [[2]]5, wherein the object is described by data in a format according to a CAD ~~programme~~ program and wherein ~~said record information recorded by said data recordal means~~ is in a format independent of said CAD ~~programme~~ program.

12. (Original) A system as claimed in claim [[2]]5, further comprising a plurality of adapters allowing data and input commands originating from different CAD ~~programmes~~ programs to be input to the system and processed by said data processor independent of the CAD ~~programme~~ program.

13. (Original) A method of computer aided design of an object comprising:  
storing data on the shape and/or structure of the object;  
displaying a representation of the object on a screen;  
modifying the shape and/or structure of the object by means of input commands to a computer associated with the screen, the input commands being processed to update the data stored accordingly and an image of the modified object being displayed; and  
automatically recording modifications made to the design and storing information representing the modifications chronologically.

14. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 13, further comprising setting up a collaborative session between a plurality of users, wherein all users are connected via a network to a server, said server storing said data and displaying said representation of the object on the screens of the users, simultaneously, wherein the input commands originate from said users and are conveyed to said server which processes said commands, updates said stored data, displays the modified object on the screens of the users and records said modifications.

15. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the object data is uploaded to said server from one of said users.

16. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 14, wherein, at the end of said session, said data describing the modified object, together with [[the]] records of modifications made, are downloaded to one of said users.

17. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 14, wherein, at the end of said session, said data describing the modified object, together with [[the]] records of modifications made, are saved in a design management file.

18. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 14, wherein, at the end of said session, said data describing the modified object, together with [[the]] records of modifications made, are saved on a floppy or hard disk.

19. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 14, wherein said object data is converted from data described in a format according to a CAD ~~programme~~ program used by one of said users, into a format according to a ~~programme~~ program used by said server, and [[said]] records of modifications [[is]] are stored in a format independent of the user format.